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SUBJECT: USIS LIBERIA CELEBRATES INAUGURATION

1. ALTHOUGH POST ONLY SENT OUT ABOUT 80 INVITATIONS, MORE THAN 110
LIBERIAN JOURNALISTS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ATTENDED INAUGURATION
PARTY IN USIS AUDITORIUM FEATURING VOA COVERAGE.

AMONG GUESTS PRESIDENTIAL

PRESS SECRETARY AS WELL AS SENIOR EDITORS AND COMMENDATORS AND
AMBASSADOR

CARTER. GUESTS EXPRESSED ENTHUSIASM OVER PRESIDENT'S SPEECH,

APPLAUDING HIS STATEMENT THAT U.S. WOULD

MAINTAIN STRENGTH SO SUFFICIENT THAT IT NEED NOT BE

PROVEN IN COMBAT, THAT U.S. WOULD MOVE TOWARD ULTIMATE GOAL OF
ELIMINAT-

ING ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THAT U.S. SHOULD TAP RISING SPIRIT FOR
FREEDOM

IN WORLD, AND THAT BECAUSE U.S. IS FREE, IT CAN NEVER BE INDIFFERENT
TO

FATE OF FREEDOM ELSEWHERE. THERE WAS HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO
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AT USIS, AND FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
SHERMAN

TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR THEIR ENTHUSIASTIC
RESPONSE TO TONE, WORDS OF SPEECH

2. FOLLOWING 8 P.M. ELTV NEWS COMMENTATOR TOMMY RAYNES INTERVIEWED
AMBASSADOR CARTER ON ELECTION AND INAUGURATION. BECAUSE OF TECHNI-

CAL PROBLEMS SATELLITE TRANSMISSION OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPECIAL MESSAGE TO FOREIGN AUDIENCES HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED, THUS AMBASSADOR CARTER READ TEXT OF MESSAGE, AND THEN ANSWERED MORE QUESTIONS FROM RAYNES BEFORE SHOW CLOSED WITH IMV PRODUCTIONS, "PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER---A PROFILE" AND "THE INSTITUTION OF THE U.S. INAUGURATION." RAYNES NARRATED LATTER FILM. AN ESTIMATED 20,000 TO 30,000 LIBERIANS SAW THE HOUR-LONG NEWS SPECIAL.

3. ELWA, BROADCASTING ON MEDIUM AND SHORT WAVE TO LIBERIA AND WEST AFRICA, CARRIED 45 MINUTES LIVE VOA COVERAGE OF INAUGURATION, INCLUDING ADDRESS. ELBC BROADCAST 15 MINUTES VOA NARRATION INAUGURAL PAGENT, INCLUDING SWEARING IN CEREMONY. POST ISSUED CORRECTED TEXT INAUGURAL ADDRESS AND SPECIAL MESSAGE TO FOREIGN AUDIENCES TO MEDIA AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.
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